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SUBJECT: QADHAFI'S PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING CELEBRATIONS

1. QADHAFI'S PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 3 FOR JOURNALISTS HERE TO ATTEND LIBYAN REGIME'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES PRODUCED LITTLE OF NOTE. QADHAFI WAS CAREFUL IN HIS ANSWERS, AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. IN ANSWER TO ONE QUESTION TRANSLATED TO HIM AS "DID SADAT INFORM YOU MIRAGES WERE HIT IN OCTOBER WAR", QADHAFI ANSWERED WITH A CURT "NO", AND DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

2. U.S.: TO A TASS CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

QADHAFI SAID THE U.S. HAD "TAKEN THE INITIATIVE" IN THE AREA. TO LATER QUESTIONER, HE REPEATED THAT U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS ARE AN "ILLEGITIMATE MARRIAGE". ASKED BY TANNER OF THE N.Y. TIMES WHETHER HE EXPECTED POSITIVE RESULTS FROM U.S. PEACE EFFORTS, QADHAFI, WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN ARABIC TRANSLATION OF THE QUESTION, SAID SIMPLY "THE STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL PALESTINE IS LIBERATED". ASKED ABOUT THE OIL EMBARGO, QADHAFI SAID LIBYA HAD BEEN AGAINST LIFTING IT FROM THE BEGINNING, AND TIME HAD PROVED THAT "OUR STAND WAS 100 PERCENT SOUND".

3. PORTUGAL: QADHAFI REPEATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS (TRIPOLI 914) THAT LIBYAN-PORTUGUESE TALKS, WHICH

HAD PRODUCED POSITIVE RESULTS, WERE CONTINUING. A LIBYAN DELEGATION WAS NOW IN LISBON.

4. SPAIN AND SPANISH SAHARA: "NOTHING STANDS IN THE WAY OF EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA AND SPAIN EXCEPT THE OCCUPATION OF SAGUIA AL HAMRA (SPANISH SAHARA). IT IS OF NO IMPORTANCE TO US WHO TAKES OVER THE TERRITORY, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IT BE LIBERATED".

5. ITALY: "OUR RELATIONS ARE GOOD WITH ITALY. THEY COULD BE BETTER, IF ITALY RIDS ITSELF OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO ITALIAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS".

6. LEBANON: ASKED ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SOLH, QADHAFI SAID LIBYA WAS "VERY CONCERNED" ABOUT THE DEFENSE OF LEBANON. IF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES DID NOT HELP LEBANON, AS THEY SHOULD, LIBYA WOULD ACT ALONE.
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